

Weapons and Tactics Conference 2003

1. The Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Command Test Center (AATC) will host the annual conference in Tucson, Arizona, 20-24 Oct 03. This conference serves as the Air National Guard (ANG) and Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) forum for disseminating information throughout the reserve forces, obtaining inputs from the field, and providing an opportunity for crosstell between field units. It also serves as the Air Reserve Component (ARC) tactics review board (TRB) and as an input source for the Air Combat Command (ACC) realistic training review board (RTRB).

2. This year's theme is: "*The Changing Nature of Warfare*." Efforts will be made to ensure the Monday, 20 Oct 03, "Government Only", general session briefings are tailored to this year's theme. Topics will include lessons learned in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and the year in review.

3. Each mission design and series (MDS) working group will be led by a chairperson who is responsible for conducting group activities, coordinating the discussion agenda, and consolidating the group's concerns, tactics improvement proposals (TIP), RTRB inputs, and research, development, and acquisition (RD&A) prioritization recommendations. The working group RD&A recommendations serve as the starting point for ARC RD&A lists. Each chairperson will also out-brief senior ARC leadership on the morning of 24 Oct 03. Individual MDS working group chairpersons this year are:

A-10	Maj Kevin Campbell	kevin.campbell@mdbalt.ang.af.mil	243-6108
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4. Conference agenda:

19 Oct 03 (Sun)

- Attendees arrive in Tucson
- Conference check-in at Embassy Suites Hotel (1600-2200)
- AATC Hospitality Suite (1600-2200)

NOTE: Conference registration shall be accomplished via the AATC WEPTAC web site (<http://aatc.aztucs.ang.af.mil/weptac2003.htm>) at the earliest opportunity. Conference check-in should be accomplished at the

Embassy Suites Hotel Sunday evening; however, late registration will be available at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) Theater from 0630 - 0730 on 20 Oct.

20 Oct 03 (Mon)

- 0720 - General session at DMAFB theater (Government Only)
- PM - MDS Working Group breakouts at various locations
- 1700 - Industry Day events/contractor briefings at Embassy Suites

21 Oct 03 (Tue)

- AM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- PM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- 1700 - Industry Day events/contractor briefings at Embassy Suites

22 Oct 03 (Wed)

- AM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- PM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- Evening - Banquet (Tucson ANGB) flight suits / BDUs

23 Oct 03 (Thu)

- AM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- PM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- PM - Individual/group activities (golf, Pima Air Museum, AMARC tour)

24 Oct 03 (Fri)

- AM - Executive out-brief at Tucson ANGB
- PM - Departures

5. Unit representatives are responsible for ensuring unit priorities are brought to the conference. Unit representation should include the weapons and tactics officer, as a minimum. Other operational leadership is also encouraged to attend.

6. SECURITY NOTE: VISIT REQUEST/SECURITY CLEARANCE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING UNIFORMED MILITARY. SECURITY CLEARANCES ON TDY ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. AATC shall have your visit request on file prior to attending any WEPTAC event. Fax your visit request/security clearance to MSgt Kim Rogers DSN 844-6913 or 520-295-6913.

7. The WEPTAC is a unit-funded TDY. Orders should reflect "Tucson AZ" as the TDY destination. A \$15 non-reimbursable conference fee will be assessed. The Wednesday flight suit banquet is \$15, live music, refreshments, static displays, and dinner. Cash payment during conference check-in at the Embassy Suites Hotel or the DMAFB Theater is preferred.

8. Billeting and transportation: The conference and billeting will be at off-base locations. Individuals are responsible for making their own room reservations. The Embassy Suites Hotel will be the primary hotel for the conference, with the Clarion as the preferred backup facility. The Embassy is currently completely booked. Backup hotels are the Clarion Hotel (1-800-526-0550, or 520 746-

3932) or AmeriSuites (1-800-833-1516, or 520 295-0405) make your reservation as soon as possible and not later than (NLT) 10 Oct 03. All three hotels are near the airport on Tucson Boulevard, and within walking distance of each other. When reserving a room, identify yourself as a "Weapons and Tactics Conference attendee."

9. Registration information. Registration via the AATC WEPTAC web site (<http://aatc.aztucs.ang.af.mil/weptac2003.htm>) is required. Industry representatives who are interested in participating in the Industry Day should contact Mr. Chris Zeller at (520) 295-6952 (chris.zeller@aztucs.ang.af.mil) for registration and vendor policy information.

10. WEPTAC Chairperson is Lt Col Gary Conlon gary.conlon@aztucs.ang.af.mil, DSN 844-6910, or commercial (520) 295-6910, or Mr. Chris Zeller WEPTAC Coordinator, chris.zeller@aztucs.ang.af.mil DSN 844-6952 or commercial (520)-295-6952.

11. The 2003 WEPTAC will be the best-attended conference to date. Over 400 attendees and 25 Industry representatives have already registered to attend the conference. See you in Tucson!

GARY "FLASH" CONLON, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
WEPTAC Chairperson